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Subject: Comments on Attachment 1D - Proposed Edits to Social Sciences Curriculum

Dear Dr. Adams and Members of the Instructional Quality Commission, I wish to thank you for your help and support in putting Bataan Death March and the role of the Filipinos during WWII in the social sciences curriculum for Grade 11.

Per my correspondence with Dr. Adams, I am sending my comments to Attachment 1D, pages 537-539, Lines 698-720. I have cc'd the Educational Advisory Group for Bataan Legacy Historical Society as well as other parties. I have also enclosed the members of the Educational Advisory Group.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions that you may have. I look forward to meeting you on Friday, Oct. 9 during the open meeting in Sacramento at 9AM.

Thank you so very much for recognizing the role of the Filipinos during World War II. After 73 years, the Filipino soldiers are finally getting credit for the sacrifices that they have made to bring the freedom that we are enjoying today.

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Comments on Attachment 1D by Cecilia I. Gaerlan, Bataan Legacy Historical Society History Social Science SMC (October 8-9, 2015)

Pages 537-539

Line	Actual Line	Proposed	Notes
698-	Within hours of Pearl	Within hours of Pearl Harbor on	The Philippines was
699	Harbor	December 8, 1941.	invaded by the Japan on
			December 8, 1941
			Philippine time.
700	More than 40,000 soldiers	Approximately 56,500 soldiers of	On December 10, the
	from the Japanese Army	the Imperial Japanese Army came	Tanaka Detachment of
	came ashore at Luzon.	ashore at Luzon.	2,000 landed in Aparri
			while the Kanno
			Detachment landed in
			Vigan. On December
			12, the Kimura
			detachment of 2,500
			landed in Legaspi. On
			December 22, General
			Homma's 14 th Army
			landed in Lingayen with
			43,000 troops. On
			December 24, Lt. Gen.
			Morika's 16 th Division
			landed in Lamon Bay
			with 7,000 troops.
			Sources: The Fall of the
			Philippines, Ed. By Louis
			Morton; WWII in the
			Pacific , Dept. of
			History, US Military
			Academy;
701-	American forces and their	The U.S. Army Forces in the Far East	U.S. Army Forces in the
703	Filipino Allies who	(USAFFE) comprised of American	Far East (USAFFE) was
	comprised the majority of	and Filipino troops, who manned	formed on July 26, 1941
	the troops but were	seven-eights of the main line of	by a military order
	poorly equipped, led by	resistance but were hardly trained	signed by President
	General Douglas	and given WWI equipment and	Franklin D. Roosevelt
	MacArthur, the supreme	ammunition, were commanded by	appointing General
	commander of Allied	Maj. Gen. Douglas MacArthur.	Douglas MacArthur as
	Forces in the Pacific		its Commander. It
			eventually comprised of
			19,000 American
			troops, 12,000

			Philippine Scouts
			(Filipino soldiers under
			the U.S. Army with
			American officers) and
			119,000 Philippine
			Commonwealth
			soldiers. The Philippine
			Commonwealth soldiers
			barely had any training
			(majority started
			training November
			1941) and they were
			given World War I
			equipment and
			ammunition. Seven-
			eights of the main line
			of resistance were
			manned by the
			Filipinos.
			Gen. MacArthur did not
			become Supreme
			Commander of the
			Allied Forces in the
			South West Pacific Area
			until April 18, 1942.
			Sources: Ibid; Advanced
			Infantry Officers Course
			1949-1950 - The
			Operation of the II
			Corps of Bataan 10
			January to 8 April 1942,
			The Infantry School, Ft.
			Benning, GA;
			Sixth Annual Report -
			U.S. High Commissioner
			of the Philippine
			Islands;
703-	were unable to defend	They were unable to repel the	General Douglas
704	the territory and	highly experienced troops of the	MacArthur changed the
	ultimately retreated to	Imperial Japanese Army and	war strategy in October,
	the jungles of Bataan	retreated to the Bataan Peninsula	1941 to meet the
	Peninsula.	in accordance with War Plan	enemy on the beaches
		Orange 3.	instead of following the
			war strategy against
			Japan, War Plan Orange
			3 (WPO3) which called
			for retreating to the
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			Bataan Peninsula in the event of a successful Japanese invasion. Resources were distributed according to this plan. On December 24, 1941, General MacArthur reverted to WPO3 and withdrawal to Bataan took effect immediately. Sources: Ibid; War Plan Orange by Edward W. Miller
704-706	Although American and Filipino troops lacked ammunition and food, and thousands were sick from malaria, and dengue fever, they managed to defend Bataan for 99 days. MacArthur fled to Australia during this period, vowing "I Shall Return."	Despite promises that help was on the way, the USAFFE troops in Bataan did not get any reinforcement (food, medicine and equipment) and fought without any air support. But they disrupted the timetable of the Imperial Japanese Army of 52 days, performing a delaying action that lasted until April 9, 1942.	Majority of the planes of the Far East Air Force were destroyed during the first week of the war and only a few reconnaissance planes existed as of December 13, 1941. General MacArthur addressed the troops on Jan. 15 that help was on the way but no reinforcements ever came. Aside from malaria and dengue fever, they suffered from a host of diseases like dysentery, avitaminosis and beriberi. Gen. MacArthur was ordered to leave for Australia on March 12, 1942 where he eventually became Commander of the Allied South West Pacific Area. War Plan Orange 3 (incorporated under

American-British Joint

Rainbow Plan 5) called for a delaying action in the Philippines. This enabled the Allied Forces to harness the resources that eventually led to their victory in the Pacific. Sources: Ibid; Navy Basic War Plan Rainbow #5; 708-On April 9, 1942, General General Edward P. King, Jr. was The USAFFE troops 717 Ned King, US Commander forced to surrender 75,000 troops were placed on half of 63,000 Filipinos and 12,000 of all ground troops in rations on January 11, Bataan, surrendered his Americans, a majority of whom 1942 (memo from Gen. suffered from massive disease and MacArthur to Adjutant 76,000 sick and starving troops (American and starvation. They were forced to General). By February, Filipino) to the Japanese march to their prison camp at quinine, the cure for in one of the most Camp O'Donnell located some 60 malaria was no longer grievous defeats in miles away with no provisions for given to the soldiers. By American military history. food, water or shelter. Those who March, the troops were The captured soldiers could no longer go on were beaten, placed on quarter were then forced to bayoneted, shot and in some cases rations; 500 march more than 60 miles even beheaded by their Japanese soldiers/day were north in what became captors. Approximately 10,000 afflicted with malaria Filipinos and 750 Americans died known as the Bataan and dysentery. Death March. Conditions along the way in what became By April, there were no during the march were known as the Bataan Death March. longer any reserve troops. By April 7, only brutal. POWs who Another 20,000 Filipinos and 1600 couldn't keep due to Americans died inside Camp 2 days' worth of quarter exhaustion or a lack of O'Donnell. A majority of the rations remained. food or water, they were American prisoners were later beaten, bayoneted, shot transported under dismal General Jonathan or in some cases, conditions in the hulls of unmarked Wainwright, beheaded by Japanese ships to Japan, China, Formosa and Commander of U.S. soldiers. If the POWs Korea to do hard labor. Army Forces in the Approximately 5,000 died in so survived the grueling trek, Philippines surrendered called "Hell Ships" by friendly fire. they were packed into the entire force on May pre-war boxcars for Many more died in these labor 6, 1942 from Corregidor transport to prison camps. Little did the USAFFE Island. camps. Thousands of troops know that their fate was soldiers died in the already sealed during the Arcadia Sources: Ibid; journey and in the camps Conference held in Washington, DC Washington War from sickness and between December 24, 1941 and Conference, Americanstarvation. January 14, 1942 when President British Strategy; Roosevelt and Prime Minister Proceedings of the

		Churchill agreed to defeat Germany first.	Chiefs of Staff Conferences-December 24, 1941 to January 14, 1942;
717-720	Over the next three years, the US employed an island-hopping strategy to push back the Japanese advance. In February 1945 American and Filipino forces finally recaptured the Bataan peninsula, Manila was liberated the next month.	During the next 3 years, the Filipinos and some Americans formed guerrilla groups which laid the groundwork for the liberation. General MacArthur landed in Leyte on October 20, 1944. American troops and Filipino guerrillas started liberating towns on the way to Manila where 100,000 civilians perished between February and March, 1945, many massacred by the Japanese. By the end of the war, approximately 1,000,000 civilians had died and Manila became the second most devastated city in the world after Warsaw, Poland.	The Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in military history took place between October 23 to 26, 1944 and crippled the Imperial Japanese Navy marking the beginning of the end for the Japanese empire. Sources: Ibid; Nimitz Graybook; Proceedings of the Conference WWII in the Philippines, Remembering 60 Years After, National Historical Commission of the Philippines